



## World Religions - Atheism

Atheism - belief that there is no God

- we don't usually think of this as a religion but everyone is worshiping something
- self and intellect are worshiped (you get to be the ultimate authority)
- this really appeals to our sin nature (teens want freedom)
- \*this doesn't mean that all atheists are immoral

Atheist vs Agnostic

- agnostics belief that there is a God we just can't know anything about him
- in a practical sense a large number of Americans are agnostic

Romans 1:20

- The creation of the world shows there is a powerful creator
- We can learn a lot about the existence and nature of God from creation (Proverbs 6:6-8)
- \*the more I studied science the more I was in awe of God

"Atheism is so senseless. When I look at the solar system. I see the earth at the right distance from the sun to receive the proper amounts of heat and light. This did not happen by chance" -Isaac Newton

Psalm 19:1-2

- Everything in creation cries out that there is a great creator
- \*going to the ballfield at night

\*\*what is something in nature that makes you think God is awesome?

\*Creation is the first thing I would point to if I wanted to talk to an atheist about God

-If God is so evident in creation then why are their atheists?

Romans 1:21-23

- our sin nature can darken us to the reality of God
- \*pride or pain causes a person to want to be God

-The Bible explains life like no other book

- God's word humbles us
- God's word also encourages us that we don't have to do it on our own
- \*the palm Sunday donkey

\*\*What's a time the Bible has proved valuable in your life

\*God's world and God's word both testify that he is real and that he is valuable

Small Group Questions

- 1) What is something in creation that makes you in awe of God?
- 2) What is a time the Bible has proved valuable in your life?
- 3) Have you had any interactions with people who are atheists? What are some things you would talk to them about to try to point them to Jesus?